

Until the housing sector is stabilized, there will simply be no recovery in America. H.R. 1106 is a major step in addressing the crisis in the housing market

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING MIKE HAUSER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Hauser of Santa Rosa, California, who passed away on March 3, 2009, at the age of 62. Mike had led the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce for almost nine years, including regular calls from his sick bed during the last months of his life.

Mike took the reins of Chamber in 2000, and, under his leadership, the organization expanded its programs, enhancing the business climate while benefiting the community. He realized that the two goals complemented each other and brought people together to focus on them. Mike used his low-key style and friendly manner as well as his keen understanding and broad experience to develop initiatives that drew various stakeholders into the process. He was adept at developing relationships that fostered his success.

Mike's efforts included a focus on educating the Spanish-speaking community to be the current and future workforce, including a summer algebra academy for middle school students, securing airline service at the county airport, advocating for the SMART train, and creating programs to develop entrepreneurial businesses and generate high-wage jobs.

Because of his skills and efforts, the Chamber recently learned that it had been awarded a rare five-star rating by the National Chamber of Commerce, becoming the only organization in California to achieve that honor. Also, Mike was set to become Chair of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives in August.

Originally from Iowa, Mike graduated from Iowa State University and then worked in a number of Chambers of Commerce in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Nebraska. He settled for 13 years in Fort Collins, Colorado, where his reputation attracted national attention. When the Santa Rosa Chamber was ready for a new president, Mike was an ideal choice.

He leaves a Chamber that is thriving, with increased membership and a variety of successful programs.

Mike is survived by his wife Kelly, daughters Heidi and Dana, and granddaughter Avery as well as his mother Beryl and three siblings.

Madam Speaker, the Santa Rosa Chamber and the broader community will miss Mike Hauser's leadership and his passion for addressing significant local issues. We thank him for the legacy he will leave in strong ongoing programs, especially the newly re-named Mike Hauser Algebra Academy.

IN MEMORY OF REV. JOSEPH C. MARTIN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Rev. Joseph C. Martin, a son of Maryland who devoted his life to helping tens of thousands of alcoholics overcome their addiction—an addiction he overcame himself. Father Martin drank heavily for more than a decade until, with the help of a treatment center for the clergy, he recovered his sobriety. Drawing on his personal struggle, Father Martin developed his famous "Chalk Talk on Alcohol," a common-sense lecture on addiction that remains in heavy use to this day, from the U.S. Armed Forces to substance-abuse programs around the world.

Along with his hard-won lessons on sobriety, his most lasting legacy is Father Martin's Ashley, a treatment center overlooking the Chesapeake Bay in Harford County, Maryland. Father Martin's Ashley has kept its doors open for more than three decades and, with the guidance and leadership of its co-founder, has served more than 30,000 people. A giving, loving man who exemplified the best tenets of his faith and of the sobriety movement, Father Martin never turned away a potential patient who was short on funds. His example and his wise counsel enabled recovering alcoholics around the world to reclaim control of their lives.

Michael Deaver, who served as chief of staff to President Reagan and received treatment at Father Martin's Ashley, said: "I had been with presidents, kings, popes, and prime ministers, but Father Martin was the most powerful person I had ever met. You see, Father has the power to change people, to make them better, to make them whole again."

Though Father Martin is gone, I am sure that his legacy, his teaching, and his example will have that same power for years to come.

RECOGNIZING SUSAN CUNDIFF AS THE 2008–2009 HURLBURT AFA CHAPTER HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Susan Cundiff, the 2008–2009 Hurlburt AFA Chapter High School teacher of the Year.

For many students, the prospect of taking physics and chemistry is daunting. Yet, for those at Gulf Breeze High School in Gulf Breeze, Florida, these advanced subjects become something comprehensible and enjoyable due to the outstanding teaching abilities of Ms. Susan H. Cundiff.

Advanced Placement Physics, Physics I/ Honors, Beginning Physics, and Beginning Chemistry are all taught by Ms. Cundiff, who was a cofounder of the Physics Alliance of Northwest Florida (PANF) and served as the organization's president for two years. She

has also coached events for the Science Olympiad. In each of her classes, students participate in a Rube Goldberg project in which a particular machine must be built. Previous projects include a letter folding machine, a machine that changes light bulbs, and robots capable of picking up and carrying objects. This learning style promotes an integrated, hands-on approach which helps break down the advanced material and makes it more tangible.

The title of Teacher of the Year is an incredible honor and is evidence of Ms. Cundiff's exceptional capabilities as an educator. Her teaching skills have influenced many and pushed countless students to a higher level of academic achievement. Ms. Cundiff's outstanding accomplishments have distinguished her as one of the great teachers in Northwest Florida, and the First District of Florida is honored to have her as one of their own.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Susan Cundiff on this outstanding achievement and for her exemplary service in the Santa Rosa School District.

WATER QUALITY INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1262):

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise today to express my strong support for the Water Quality Investment Act of 2009. I thank Chairman OBERSTAR and the House leadership for their hard work on this timely legislation, which will modernize our nation's wastewater infrastructure to ensure our water supply is clean and safe for America's children and families.

A growing economy and population over the past decades have stretched the availability and compromised the quality of America's water supply. Our country has outgrown the capacity of our wastewater systems. Sewage overflows and toxic spillage are contaminating our water supply and posing grave threats to human health and the health of our water ecosystems.

By authorizing \$13.8 billion in federal grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and \$1.8 billion for sewer overflow control grants over the next five years, the Water Quality Investment Act will put 480,000 Americans to work and help bridge the gap between the number of wastewater infrastructure projects that need assistance and the amount of funding available. Over the next five years, Minnesota will receive over \$250 million to modernize its water systems, thereby helping to protect and restore the more than 10,000 lakes that help define our state.

This legislation also takes bold steps to clean up the Great Lakes, one of the nation's greatest natural resources. The Great Lakes make up the largest system of fresh, surface water on Earth, providing 90 percent of America's fresh surface water and 18 percent of the world's fresh water supply. In 2006 alone, over 23 billion gallons of sewage entered the Great